

Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission
Zone 5 Annual Meeting
Saturday October 25th, 2008

Chair: Irene Rutledge, ASWC chair, director position is vacant

The meeting was opened at 2.05pm

There were no additions to the agenda

1. The meeting was advised that zone 5 is currently without a director and that an election would take place later in the meeting. Nomination papers were available and eligible producers in zone 5 were able to be nominated and to vote in that election.
2. **Motion: to approve the minutes as presented.** Johnny Lypowy, 2nd Lionel Gagne. Carried.
3. Business arising – **Dealer licensing was discussed**
4. **ASWC Report**
 - a) The meeting was advised that ASWC have recently completed a strategic planning process which would be used to focus the Commission's resources. One of the key elements will be to address the illegal kill problem in the sheep industry.
 - b) The newsletter funding will end after the next issue so future plans are being considered. Attendees were encouraged to sign up for N'ewesline to receive information between newsletter issues
 - c) Alberta Lamb would change from a promotion to production focus.
 - d) Growing Halal market
 - e) Shearing courses are being offered in November and December 2008.
 - f) ASWC continues to support provincial scrapie surveillance and is involved in the Johne's disease working group.
 - g) First 3 modules of the resource binder would be available early in 2009, a collaborative project with the goat industry.
5. **Name Change from Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission to Alberta Lamb Producers**

There was overwhelming support for the name change.
6. **Zone Advisory groups**

We discussed whether they a group could best function through meetings, by e-mail or perhaps teleconferencing. It was then left for the new director to contact the volunteers.
7. **General suggestions from the meeting**
 - a) Mail out important information, especially if time sensitive
 - b) Hold OFFS workshops on weekends with the message that ALMS and OFFS are not as "big and scary" as people imagine at first sight.
8. **Financial reports**

Motion: that the 2007/8 financial statements of the ASWC be approved as presented. Lionel Gagne 2nd Willa McCormack. Carried.

Producers were invited to forward questions or to request more financial information from the director or staff.

9. Nominations were called three times. None were received despite good support for ASWC and acknowledgement that their area needed representation. Those present were asked to consider people who may be interested and advise ASWC.

Adjournment proposed by Jean Lypowy at 4.45pm